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POLICE SMASH BIG TILL-TAP RING

Duo Nabbed at Bowling Alley

Two men sought in connection with thefts of "many thousands of dollars" in many parts of the Los Angeles area were picked up in Torrance Tuesday because they picked the wrong time and wrong place to try to tap a till.

The men were caught in the act of trying to remove money from the cash register at the Torrance Bowl-O-Drome by Jean Reagan of the Los Angeles Police Department Intelligence Division.

Men Followed
Unknown to the pair, they had been followed throughout various parts of the Los Angeles area by Los Angeles Police officers, who were attempting to catch them in the act. Local police were informed that the men were being sought in connection with five similar crimes and "possibly many more."

Arrested were Edward Denimo, 34, Sun Valley, and Frank Riley, whose address was not given.

According to the police, one of the suspects removed the cash while the other shielded the register by holding up a newspaper. They managed to muffle the bell on the register so that nearby waitresses were not aware of the theft.

Pair Held
The men are being held on suspicion of committing such till taps in many other places. Burglary charges may be filed against them, police said, because in the local robbery, involving \$52, they had to use a key to get into the register.

Unknown to the men, policemen were sitting in a nearby booth, watching their every move. Aiding in the arrest were G. D. Brown and C. T. Zumel, both of the Valley detective division of Los Angeles Police. They reported the men had been closely shadowed for some time.

Lad Still On Critical List

Five-year-old Clifton W. Reed, 331 Via San Sebastian, Hollywood Riviera, was reported still on the critical list at Harbor General Hospital yesterday.

The lad, who rode his toy scooter down the driveway into the path of an oncoming car last Friday, was in "fair" condition, hospital authorities said.

He suffered a concussion, and multiple fractures of the shoulder, arm and leg when he was struck by a car driven by Marga Simmons, 34, of 634 Call de Arboles. The driver was not held.

Dr. Stetson Named Chief At Hospital

Torrance doctors made a clean sweep of the 1958 staff elections of the Torrance Memorial Hospital at the monthly meeting last Tuesday evening.

Elected were Dr. Rodney A. Stetson, chief of staff; Dr. Philip M. Halloran, assistant chief of staff; Dr. George O. Peeke, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. John F. Nursall, assistant secretary-treasurer. All are from Torrance.

The meeting was attended by 70 staff doctors from the South Bay area.

Dr. Stetson has practiced in Torrance since 1948. Dr. Halloran since 1949, and Dr. Peeke and Dr. Nursall since 1954. All have families varying from three to six children.

Also elected to the executive committee were Dr. Kurt T. Shery and Dr. Gerald M. Eastham, both of Torrance and Dr. John F. Grube of Manhattan Beach.

Outgoing officers are Dr. Richard C. Schaeffer of Redondo Beach, chief of staff; Dr. Robert F. Nielsen of Torrance, assistant chief of staff; Dr. William C. Casey of Torrance, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. George O. Peeke, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Installation will take place at the annual staff dinner to be held at the Palos Verdes Country Club in the middle of January.

Official Will Address Meet

Educational and legislative problems facing the nation will be discussed at the monthly Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting at the Torrance YWCA, 2320 W. Carson St., at 7:30 a.m., next Tuesday.

The speaker will be Harry Lintz, district manager of the California District of the National Chamber of Commerce. He spent 23 years in public administration and 12 years on the National Chamber staff.

Reservations may be made by calling the Chamber office. Co-chairmen for the hour-long meeting are Glenn Koger and Jim Hall.

Santa Tells Schedule for Local Visits

Santa Claus will be a busy man in the pre-Christmas period, he told the HERALD yesterday, as he revealed his schedule for the next week.

His schedule will be as follows:

Today—On float near McCown's Drug, 1327 El Prado, 9-12 and 1-6.

Friday—On float near Bank of America, 1255 Sartori, 9-12 and 1-6.

Monday—On float in front of McMahan's Furniture, 1306 Sartori, 9-12 and 1-6.

Tuesday—On float by Bank of America, 1255 Sartori, 9-12 and 1-6; visiting underprivileged children at meeting on Plaza del Amo, next to the Board of Education building, 8:30.

Wednesday—On float by Clark's Market, Hawthorne Ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy., 9-12 and 1-6; Ann Olson Dancing School party, 8:45.

Thursday, Dec. 20—Harbor General Hospital.



PRESENT FOR SANTA . . . Ricky Gros traveled all the way from San Diego to bring a present to Santa Claus, who is currently conferring with local small fry about their Christmas wishes at various locations in downtown Torrance. With one hand on Santa's beard and the other reaching for a present is little Cindy Bean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bean, 1262 1/2 W. 224th St. (Herald Photo)

Lease on Triangle Delayed for Study

A 45-page lease under consideration between the city and Jefferson, Inc., who acquired the lease from Storo Properties, Inc., has granted lots of things in the new lease which the city would not have obtained under the old one.

The matter was held over for a week when Victor Benstead said he wanted more time to study the details.

Raising an objection to the lease was Councilman Willys Blount, who said it with council's duty to lease the property for the most profitable deal for the city, which could be done by having a potential high sales tax producing development, or a high lease and property tax income development such as an industrial tract.

"Here we have a lease without a major department store—but we do have wash racks, office buildings, a bowling alley, and some other low income buildings," Blount protested.

The council's action followed receipt of a list of conditions by which the steel company would convey property for the road to cross the northwest corner of the firm's huge Torrance plant.

Among the items sought by the steel company were a traffic signal at Border and Cravens, relocation or replacing of fences moved for the roadway, completion of the roadway within one year, and waiver of claims against the firm for future costs of railroad grade crossings on Arlington Ave.

Rivets Reports

The skies should be sunny today, although the mercury may drop a little, according to Rivets, HERALD weather dog. There's likely to be a little early morning fog with a 20 per cent probability of rain.



High and low temperatures this week included Sunday (85-43); Monday (86-46); Tuesday (83-44); and Wednesday (80-45).

Torrance Over Top In Chest Campaign

Gardena and Torrance have topped their quotas for the 1957-58 Community Chest campaign, Jay A. Robinson, Harbor Area campaign chairman, announced today.

Torrance raised \$19,938, or 100.26 per cent of its quota of \$19,887, and Gardena gained \$17,110, making 107.30 per cent of a \$15,946 quota.

Rolling Hills was the first city over the top in the Harbor Area. Volunteers there raised \$5663 of a quota of \$5630.

Next city closest to 100 per cent is Palos Verdes which, having raised 93.37 per cent of a quota of \$2676, needs only \$187 to be 100 per cent.

Second to Palos Verdes is Harbor City-Lomita with 91.70 per cent. They need \$222 to meet their quota of \$2676.

Wilmington will be 100 per cent with \$1654 more in the till. They have raised 89.51 per cent of a quota of \$18,773. San Pedro needs \$2121 to be 100 per cent. It has 88.97 per cent of a quota of \$19,222.

With \$2629 more the Harbor Area will meet its quota of \$86,858. It is now at 96.25 per cent. Robinson urges all residents of the Harbor Area who have not made contributions to the Chest to mail them in to the campaign headquarters, 1025 S. Pacific Ave., San Pedro.

DAV in Warning Against Bunco Fund Solicitor

Persons purportedly soliciting funds to be used in a building for the South Bay chapter of the Disabled American Veterans were labeled yesterday as frauds by DAV Commander Henry Montoya.

"South Bay, chapter, DAV, is not asking for any funds for a building program, cornerstone, or plaque," Commander Montoya told THE HERALD.

He reported that a number of persons had been contacted by a man who asked, in one case, for money to help the DAV buy the cornerstone for its new building.

In another case, a businessman was asked for funds to help buy a DAV plaque to put on the front of a new building. "Our only fund drive each year is the forget-me-not sale," Montoya emphasized.

Another DAV officer, Melvin Sparks, reported the fraud to Torrance police.

Only 5 Disease Cases Reported in This Area

Only five cases of disease were reported in the Torrance health area during the week ending Nov. 30, according to the County Health Department.

The list included two cases of scarlet fever, and one each of hepatitis, mumps, and syphilis. The cities of Redondo, Hermosa, Manhattan and Palos Verdes Estates reported no unhealthy persons at all.

Official Gives Timetable on New Schools

Three new elementary schools will open in September, 1958, if a long strike does not delay construction, and two others may be ready, Assistant Superintendent of Schools S. E. Waldrip told members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday noon.

The three schools which open next year are Calle Mayor, just north of South High School; Jefferson, Carmen and Grant; and Hamilton, 182nd and Casimir. Schools which may be ready by September are Magruder, 186th and Doty; and Yukon, 177th and Yukon.

Columbia School, 186th and Hawthorne, will open in December. Lincoln School, 168th and Arlington, will open sometime during the 1958-59 school year, he said.

South High School is expected to be completed by Jan. 1, 1958. The second unit of the new school should be ready by September, 1958, Waldrip said, while the gymnasium should be completed later in the 1958-59 school year.

The third unit of North High School is expected to be ready for use later this school year, he said.

"My figures allow for a short strike," he reported, "but a long strike might change the picture."

His stand was challenged by



MORE FLOAT MONEY . . . Mrs. Robert E. Moffitt (left) and Mrs. John Thuss present Torrance Woman's Club check for \$50 to Torrance's float committee chairman, George Bradford, to help defray costs of entering a float in this year's Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena. Gifts totaling nearly \$1000 were announced this week. (Herald Photo)

A Penny for your Thoughts

Despite the fact that most youngsters are on their best behavior in anticipation of Santa Claus, the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked:

"Do you believe children should be spanked when they misbehave?"

Mrs. Evelyn Stanford, 2839 Danaha St., police matron:

"I'm the mother of five and I think they should be spanked if they're small and it makes an impression. At other times, other means of discipline should be used. Curtailing use of TV is often one of the best methods."

Richard Green, 14, 2902 Onrado St., North High student:

"Sure, I think they should be spanked. It teaches them a lesson so they won't do it again. I used to get spanked sometimes and I think it did me good."

Mrs. James Groth, 117 E. 220th St., bookkeeper:

"I don't believe in excessive spanking, but once in a while, I think it's needed. I've seen too many children that don't get spanked and I don't like what I see."

Mrs. Jerome Madden, 4756 Towers St., housewife:

"Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but I'd say yes. Children shouldn't be severely punished, but rapped across the seat. This works better than psychological punishment, I think."

Jess Kregg, Plaza Hotel, retired:

"Sometimes I think talking to them and being nice to them is better. Sometimes it's the parents' fault that they get unruly. I have great grandchildren and I feel as if I never want to spank them."

W. E. Weible, 2222 1/2 Torrance Blvd., personnel director:

"Not necessarily. Punishment depends on the seriousness of the offense. There are lots of other ways beside physical mishandling especially when the parents lose their tempers. Most juveniles probably could be handled better by a psychological approach."